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<TEXT>ELIMINATING MORSE CODE WILL PRODUCE OPERATORS WITH FEWER SKILLS FOR COMMUNICATING. THE ELIMINATION OF MORSE CODE WILL REMOVE A SIMPLE FORM OF COMMUNICATION THAT CAN BE USED WITH LITTLE POWER CONSUMPTION IN AN EMERGENCY. MORSE CODE COMMUNICATION MAY BE HEARD AROUND THE WORLD WITH JUST A FEW WATTS OF POWER FROM A FLASHLIGHT BATTERY. MOST POTENTIAL OPERATORS WILL NOT LEARN TO USE MORSE CODE UNLESS REQUIRED TO, THUS LOSING A SKILL THAT WOULD BE MOST BENEFICIAL IN TIMES OF EMERGENCIES. DIGITAL FORMS OF COMMUNICATION REQUIRE COMPUTERS USING A HUNDRED TIMES MORE POWER. GENERATORS AND FUEL ARE NOT OFTEN AVAILABLE DURING AND AFTER EMERGENCIES, GENERATORS ARE NOT A STABLE SOURCE OF POWER FOR COMPUTERS AND THEIR ASSOCIATED EQUIPMENT.